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second-degree (of burns) causing blistering but not permanent scars. **second-guess** predict someone's actions or thoughts by guesswork. **second-hand** 1 having had a previous owner. 2 heard from another person. **second nature** a habit that has become instinctive. **second-rate** of bad quality. **second sight** the supposed ability to know what will happen in the future. **second thoughts** a change of opinion after reconsidering something. **second wind** fresh energy gained during exercise after having been out of breath. **secondly** adverb.

second² noun 1 a unit of time equal to one sixtieth of a minute. 2 (a second) informal a very short time. 3 a measurement of an angle equal to one sixtieth of a minute.

second³ /si-kond/ verb Brit. temporarily move a worker to another position or role.

■ **secondment** noun.

secondary adjective 1 coming after, or less important than, something else. 2 (of education) for children from the age of eleven to sixteen or eighteen. ■ **secondarily** adverb.

secret adjective 1 hidden from, or not known by, other people. 2 secretive. • noun 1 something that other people do not know about. 2 a method of achieving something that is not generally known.

□ **secret agent** a spy. **secret police** a police force working in secret against a government's political opponents. **secret service** a government department concerned with spying. ■ **secrecy** noun. **secretly** adverb.

secretariat /sek-ri-tair-i-uh/ noun a government office or department.

secretary noun (plural **secretaries**) 1 a person employed to type letters, keep records, etc. 2 an official of a society or other organization. □ **Secretary of State** 1 (in the UK) the head of a major government department. 2 (in the US) the government official responsible for

foreign affairs. ■ **secretarial** adjective.

✓ -ary, not -ery: secretary.

secrete verb (secretes, secreting, secreted) 1 (of a cell, gland, or organ) produce a liquid substance. 2 hide an object. ■ **secretion** noun.

secretive adjective inclined to hide your feelings or not to give out information. ■ **secretively** adverb.

sect noun a small religious or political group with different beliefs from those of the larger group that they belong to.

sectarian adjective having to do with a sect or group.

■ **sectarianism** noun.

section noun 1 any of the parts into which something is divided. 2 a distinct group within a larger body of people or things. 3 the shape that results from cutting through something. • verb divide into sections.

sector noun 1 a distinct area or part. 2 a part of a circle between two lines drawn from its centre to its circumference.

secular adjective not religious or spiritual. ■ **secularism** noun.

secure adjective 1 certain to remain safe. 2 fixed or fastened so as not to give way or become loose. 3 free from fear or anxiety. • verb (secures, securing, secured) 1 protect against danger or threat. 2 firmly fix or fasten. 3 succeed in obtaining.

■ **securely** adverb.

security noun (plural **securities**) 1 the state of being or feeling secure. 2 the safety of a state or organization. 3 a valuable item offered as a guarantee that you will repay a loan.

sedan noun 1 an enclosed chair carried between two horizontal poles. 2 N. Amer. a car for four or more people.

sedate adjective 1 calm and unhurried. 2 respectable and rather dull. • verb (sedates, sedating, sedated) give someone a sedative drug. ■ **sedately** adverb.

sedation noun the action of

sedating someone.

sedative adjective having the effect of making someone calm or sleepy. • noun a sedative drug.

sedentary /sed-uhn-tri/ adjective 1 involving a lot of sitting and not much exercise. 2 sitting down a lot; taking little exercise.

sedge noun a grass-like plant that grows in wet ground.

sediment noun 1 matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid. 2 material carried by water or wind and deposited on land.

■ **sedimentary** adjective.

sedition noun things done or said to stir up rebellion against a ruler or government. ■ **seditious** adjective.

seduce verb (seduces, seducing, seduced) 1 persuade someone to do something unwise. 2 persuade someone to have sex with you.

■ **seduction** noun.

seductive adjective tempting and attractive. ■ **seductively** adverb.

sedulous adjective showing great care or effort; diligent.

see¹ verb (sees, seeing, saw; past participle **seen**) 1 become aware of with the eyes. 2 experience or witness. 3 realize something after thinking or getting information. 4 think of in a particular way. 5 meet someone socially or by chance. 6 meet someone regularly as a boyfriend or girlfriend. 7 consult a specialist or professional. 8 guide or lead someone somewhere. □ **see someone off** go with a person who is leaving to their point of departure. **see something through** carry on with a project until it is completed. **see-through** transparent or semi-transparent. **see to** deal with.

see² noun the district or position of a bishop or archbishop.

seed noun 1 a small, hard object produced by a plant, from which a new plant may grow. 2 the beginning of a feeling, process, etc. 3 any of the stronger competitors in a sports tournament who are kept from playing each other in the early rounds. 4 old use a man's

semen. • verb 1 sow land with seeds. 2 remove the seeds from. 3 (be seeded) be made a seed in a sports tournament.

seedling noun a young plant raised from seed.

seedy adjective (seedier, seediest) unpleasant because dirty or immoral. ■ **seediness** noun.

seeing conjunction because; since.

seek verb (seeks, seeking, sought) 1 try to find or get. 2 ask for. 3 (seek to do) try or want to do. 4 (seek someone/thing out) search for and find someone or something. ■ **seeker** noun.

seem verb 1 give the impression of being. 2 (cannot seem to do) be unable to do, despite having tried.

seeming adjective appearing to be real or true. ■ **seemingly** adverb.

seemly adjective respectable or in good taste.

seen past participle of **SEE**¹.

seep verb (of a liquid) flow or leak slowly through a substance.

■ **seepage** noun.

seer noun a person supposedly able to see visions of the future.

seersucker noun a fabric with a crinkled surface.

see-saw noun a long plank supported in the middle, on each end of which children sit and move up and down by pushing the ground with their feet. • verb repeatedly change between two states or positions.

seethe verb (seethes, seething, seethed) 1 be very angry but try not to show it. 2 be filled with a crowd that is moving about. 3 (of a liquid) boil or churn.

segment noun /seg-muhnt/ each of the parts into which something is divided. • verb /seg-ment/ divide into segments.

segregate verb (segregates, segregating, segregated) 1 keep separate from the rest or from each other. 2 keep people of different races, sexes, or religions separate.

■ **segregation** noun.

segue /seg-way/ verb (segues,

countermand | course

countermand verb cancel an order.

countermeasure noun something done to deal with a danger or threat.

counterpane noun dated a bedspread.

counterpart noun a person or thing that corresponds to another.

counterpoint noun **1** the playing of two or more tunes at the same time. **2** a tune played at the same time as another.

counterproductive adjective having the opposite effect to the one intended.

countersign verb sign a document that has already been signed by another person.

countersink verb (countersinks, countersinking, countersunk) insert a screw or bolt so that the head lies flat with the surface.

countertenor noun the highest male adult singing voice.

counterterrorism noun political or military activities designed to prevent terrorism.

countervailing adjective having an equal but opposite effect.

countess noun **1** the wife or widow of a count or earl. **2** a woman holding the rank of count or earl.

counting preposition taking account of; including.

countless adjective too many to be counted; very many.

countrified adjective characteristic of the country or country life.

country noun (plural **countries**) **1** a nation with its own government. **2** areas outside large towns and cities. **3** an area of land with particular physical features: *hilly country*. **□ country music** (or **country and western**) a kind of popular music from country areas of the southern US.

countryside noun land and scenery outside towns and cities.

county noun (plural **counties**) each of the main areas into which some countries are divided for the purposes of local government.

county town the main town of a county, where its council is based.

coup /koo/ noun (plural **coups** /kooz/) **1** (also **coup d'état** /koo day-tah/) a sudden violent seizing of power from a government. **2** a successful move or action.

coupe /koo-pay, koop/ noun a sports car with a fixed roof and a sloping rear.

couple noun **1** two individuals of the same sort considered together. **2** two people who are married or in a romantic or sexual relationship. **3** informal an unspecified small number. **• verb** (couples, coupling, coupled) **1** connect or combine. **2** have sex.

couplet noun a pair of rhyming lines of poetry one after another.

coupling noun a device for connecting railway vehicles or parts of machinery together.

coupon noun **1** a voucher that gives you the right to claim a discount or buy something. **2** a form that can be sent off to ask for information or to enter a competition.

courage noun **1** the ability to do something frightening; bravery. **2** strength when faced with pain or grief.

courageous adjective having courage; brave. **■ courageously** adverb.

courgette /koor-zhet/ noun Brit. a long, thin vegetable with green skin.

courier noun **1** a person employed to deliver goods or documents quickly. **2** a person employed to guide and help a group of tourists.

course noun **1** a direction that is taken or intended. **2** the way in which something progresses or develops. **3** (also **course of action**) a way of dealing with a situation. **4** a dish forming one of the stages of a meal. **5** a series of lectures or lessons in a particular subject. **6** a series of repeated treatments or doses of a drug. **7** an area prepared for racing, golf, or another sport. **• verb** (courses, coursing, coursed) **1** (of liquid) flow. **2** (coursing) the

activity of hunting animals, especially hares, with greyhounds.

□ of course **1** as expected. **2** certainly; yes.

! don't confuse course with coarse, which means 'having a rough texture'.

court noun **1** the judge, jury, and lawyers who sit and hear legal cases. **2** the place where a law court meets. **3** an area marked out for ball games such as tennis. **4** a courtyard. **5** the home, advisers, and staff of a king or queen. **• verb** **1** try to win someone's support. **2** behave in a way that might lead to something bad happening. **3** dated try to win the love of someone you want to marry. **□ court shoe** a woman's plain shoe with a low-cut upper and no fastening. **hold court** be the centre of attention.

courteous /ker-ti-uhss/ adjective polite and considerate.

■ courteously adverb.

courtesan /kor-ti-zan/ noun a prostitute with wealthy clients.

courtesy /ker-tuh-si/ noun (plural **courtesies**) **1** polite and considerate behaviour. **2** a polite speech or action. **□ courtesy of** given or allowed by.

courtier /kor-ti-er/ noun a companion or adviser of a king or queen.

courtly adjective (courtlier, courtliest) very dignified and polite.

court martial noun (plural **courts martial**) a court for trying people accused of breaking military law. **• verb** (court-martial) (court-martials, court-martialing, court-martialled) try someone in a court martial.

courtship noun **1** a period during which a couple develop a romantic relationship. **2** the process of trying to win someone's love or support.

courtyard noun an open area enclosed by walls or buildings.

couscous /kuuss-kuuss/ noun a North African dish of steamed or soaked semolina.

cousin noun (also **first cousin**) a

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child of your uncle or aunt.

□ second cousin a child of your mother's or father's first cousin.

couture /koo-tyoor/ noun the design and making of fashionable clothes, especially for a particular customer.

couturier /koo-tyoo-ri-ay/ noun a person who designs couture clothes.

cove noun a small sheltered bay.

coven /kuv-uhn/ noun a group of witches who meet regularly.

covenant /kuv-uh-nuhnt/ noun **1** a formal agreement. **2** an agreement to make regular payments to a charity.

cover verb (covers, covering, covered) **1** put something over or in front of a person or thing so as to protect or hide them. **2** spread or extend over an area. **3** deal with a subject. **4** travel a particular distance. **5** (of money) be enough to pay for something. **6** (of insurance) protect against a loss or accident. **7** (cover something up) try to hide or deny a mistake or crime. **8** (cover for) temporarily take over someone's job. **9** perform a cover version of a song. **• noun** **1** something that covers or protects. **2** a thick protective outer part or page of a book or magazine. **3** shelter. **4** a means of hiding an illegal or secret activity.

5 protection by insurance. **6** (also **cover version**) a performance of a song previously recorded by a different artist. **□ break cover** suddenly leave shelter when being chased. **cover charge** a charge per person added to the bill in a restaurant. **covering letter** a letter sent with a document or parcel to explain what it is. **cover-up** an attempt to hide a mistake or crime.

coverage noun the extent to which something is covered.

coverlet noun a bedspread.

covert adjective /kuv-ert, koh-vert/ not done openly; secret. **• noun** /kuv-ert/ an area of bushes and undergrowth where game birds and animals can hide. **■ covertly** adverb.

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